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**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 2326**

**Introduced by Assembly Member Bass**

February 19, 2010

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An act to amend Section 5056.5 of the Penal Code, relating to the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation Reentry Advisory Committee.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2326, as amended, Bass. Reentry Advisory Committee.

Existing law requires the Secretary of the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation to establish, until January 1, 2011, a Reentry Advisory Committee, comprised as specified, to advise the secretary on matters related to the successful planning, implementation, and outcomes of all reentry programs and services in the department, with the goal of reducing recidivism. Existing law provides that the committee shall meet at least quarterly and that committee members shall receive compensation for travel expenses but no other compensation.

This bill would change the qualifications for one of the committee members, and would expand the membership of the committee by 7

members, as specified. The bill would provide that the committee shall meet ~~at least quarterly and~~ upon call of the secretary. The bill would ~~also~~ remove the requirement that committee members ~~shall~~ receive compensation for travel expenses, as specified, and instead provide that committee members shall serve without compensation. The bill would require the secretary, in consultation with the committee, to apply for specified federal grants ~~and, if grant funding is awarded,~~ *The bill would authorize the secretary to develop a comprehensive strategic reentry plan containing annual and 5-year performance goals, as specified, to include the goal of reducing the rate of recidivism by 50% over a 5-year period for offenders released from prison, jail, or a juvenile facility who are served with federal grant funds, as measured by specified outcomes or to satisfy specified federal grant funding eligibility criteria by other means.* The bill would require the secretary, in consultation with the committee, *to apply for any federal financial hardship exemptions available to states struggling to identify matching funds for specified federal grants, and to submit an annual* a report to the Legislature and the United States Attorney General detailing the progress toward achieving strategic performance outcomes, as specified. The bill would extend the operation of the committee until January 1, 2016.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 5056.5 of the Penal Code is amended to
- 2 read:
- 3 5056.5. (a) On or before July 1, 2007, the Secretary of the
- 4 Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation shall establish a
- 5 Reentry Advisory Committee. The committee shall report to the
- 6 secretary, who shall serve as chair of the committee. The committee
- 7 shall include representation from stakeholders in the successful
- 8 administration of reentry programming and shall be comprised of
- 9 the following members, appointed by the secretary:
- 10 (1) A representative of the California League of Cities.
- 11 (2) A representative of the California State Association of
- 12 Counties.
- 13 (3) A representative of the California State Sheriffs' Association.
- 14 (4) A representative of the California Police Chiefs' Association.

1 (5) A representative of the Department of Corrections and  
2 Rehabilitation Adult Parole Operations.

3 (6) A representative of the State Department of Mental Health.

4 (7) A representative of the State Department of Social Services.

5 (8) A representative of the State Department of Health Care  
6 Services.

7 (9) A representative of the Labor and Workforce Development  
8 Agency.

9 (10) A representative of the County Alcohol and Drug Program  
10 Administrators Association.

11 (11) A representative of the California Association of Alcohol  
12 and Drug Program Executives.

13 (12) An individual with experience in providing housing for  
14 low-income individuals.

15 (13) A recognized expert in restorative justice programs.

16 (14) An individual currently providing either academic or  
17 vocational education services within the state prison system.

18 (15) An independent consultant with expertise in community  
19 corrections and reentry services.

20 (16) A county public defender.

21 (17) A private criminal defense attorney.

22 (18) A chief probation officer.

23 (19) A victims' representative.

24 (20) A district attorney.

25 (21) A representative of a community-based organization who  
26 is familiar with the reentry needs of former offenders and who has  
27 experience advocating for former offenders and with providing  
28 reentry services in southern California.

29 (22) A representative of a faith-based organization who is  
30 familiar with the reentry needs of former offenders and who has  
31 experience advocating for former offenders and providing reentry  
32 services in northern California.

33 (b) The Reentry Advisory Committee shall ~~meet not less~~  
34 ~~frequently than each quarter and shall also~~ meet upon call of the  
35 secretary. Members of the committee shall serve without  
36 compensation. *Members of the committee shall not be reimbursed*  
37 *for travel or any other costs associated with serving on the*  
38 *committee.*

39 (c) The Reentry Advisory Committee shall advise the secretary  
40 on all matters related to the successful statewide planning,

1 implementation, and outcomes of all reentry programs and services  
2 provided by the department, with the goal of reducing recidivism  
3 of all persons under the jurisdiction of the department. The  
4 committee shall consider and advise the secretary on the following:

5 (1) Encouraging collaborative reentry activities among key  
6 stakeholders at the state and local levels.

7 (2) Developing a knowledge base of best practice models and  
8 programs related to what people need to successfully return to  
9 their communities from prison and what resources communities  
10 need to successfully provide for these needs.

11 (3) Incorporating reentry outcomes into department  
12 organizational missions and work plans as priorities.

13 (4) Funding of reentry programs.

14 (5) Promoting systems of integration and coordination.

15 (6) Measuring outcomes and evaluating the impact of reentry  
16 programs.

17 (7) Educating the public about reentry programs and their role  
18 in public safety.

19 (d) The committee shall produce reports at the request of the  
20 Legislature or the Governor. Any reports generated by the  
21 committee shall be posted on the department's Internet Web site.

22 (e) The secretary, in consultation with the committee, shall  
23 immediately seek and apply for grant funding available through  
24 the federal Second Chance Act of 2007: Community Safety  
25 Through Recidivism Prevention (Public Law 110-199).

26 (f) As required by the federal Second Chance Act of 2007, ~~if~~  
27 ~~grant funding is awarded for this purpose,~~ the secretary, in  
28 consultation with the committee, ~~shall~~ *may* develop a  
29 comprehensive strategic reentry plan containing annual and  
30 five-year performance goals *or satisfy federal Second Chance Act*  
31 *of 2007 grant funding eligibility criteria by other means which*  
32 *may include, but shall not be limited to, current projects, initiatives,*  
33 *programs, or proposals the department or any of its partners may*  
34 *already have established or plan to develop.* The comprehensive  
35 reentry plan shall seek to reduce the rate of recidivism by 50  
36 percent over a five-year period for offenders released from prison,  
37 jail, or a juvenile facility who are served with funds provided under  
38 the federal Second Chance Act of 2007. The outcome measures  
39 for the plan developed pursuant to this subdivision may include,  
40 but shall not be limited to, the following:

- 1 (1) Reduction in crime.
- 2 (2) Increase in employment and educational opportunities.
- 3 (3) Reduction in supervised release violations.
- 4 (4) Increase in child support obligation compliance.
- 5 (5) Reduction in drug and alcohol abuse.
- 6 (6) Increase in participation in substance abuse and mental health

7 services.

- 8 (7) Other outcome measures that correlate positively with the
- 9 reentry success rate of offenders who transition out of prisons,
- 10 jails, or juvenile facilities.

11 ~~(g) If grant funding is awarded for the purposes specified in~~  
12 ~~subdivision (f), the~~ *The secretary, in consultation with the*  
13 *committee, shall apply for any federal financial hardship*  
14 *exemptions available to states struggling to identify matching funds*  
15 *for federal Second Chance Act of 2007 grants. The secretary, in*  
16 *consultation with the committee,*~~shall~~ *may develop the*  
17 *comprehensive strategic reentry plan or identify other means of*  
18 *satisfying the federal Second Chance Act of 2007 grant funding*  
19 *eligibility criteria* in consultation with community members and  
20 stakeholders, including persons in the fields of public safety,  
21 juvenile and adult corrections, housing, health, education, substance  
22 abuse, child and family services, victim services, employment,  
23 and business, and members of nonprofit organizations working on  
24 reentry policy or providing reentry services.

25 (h) If grant funding is awarded for the purposes specified in  
26 subdivision (f), *as required by the federal Second Chance Act of*  
27 *2007*, the secretary, in consultation with the committee, shall  
28 submit ~~an annual~~ *a* report to the Legislature and the United States  
29 Attorney General detailing the progress of grantees toward  
30 achieving strategic performance outcomes and describing other  
31 activities conducted by grantees to increase the success rates of  
32 the reentry population, such as programs that foster effective risk  
33 management and treatment, offender accountability, and  
34 community and victim participation. Any reports pursuant to this  
35 subdivision shall be submitted in compliance with Section 9795  
36 of the Government Code.

- 1       (i) This section shall remain in effect only until January 1, 2016,
- 2       and as of that date is repealed, unless a later enacted statute, that
- 3       is enacted before January 1, 2016, deletes or extends that date.

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